

Passenger

Pairs issued 1917 to present except singles in 1945 and 1946.

1917-22 white/dark navy blue; "TEX" vertical right; embossed; 6-digits 16" x 5-3/8"; 5 digits 13-7/8"; 3 & 4 digits 11-1/8"; above 600,000 lighter gauge metal.

Note! All plates 1917 thru 1938 had border same color as letters.

1917 white/bright red circular 4-3/8" diameter metal seal to be placed on radiator; olive-green gray primer on backside. "REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE" around periphery; star in center with "1917" in the middle and 1 of the letters of the word "TEXAS" between each of the prongs of the star.

1918 blue/white circular 3-15/16" metal seal; 17" format; olive green primer on backside; there is a smaller 3" diameter seal which many consider motorcycle (unconfirmed) with the same wording; (250,201)

1919 white/blue circular 3-15/16" metal seal; 17" format; seal had a single letter over 4 numbers stamped on to it; olive green backside; some seals exist with serial numbers; (331,721)

1920 white/dark aqua rectangular 6-1/8" x 3-1/4" metal seal; "REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE" top; "TEXAS 1920" bottom and serial; (430,377) white/dark aqua; in 1920 new registrants received new base plates of the 1917 type; different smaller dies; all 5-5/8" tall; 4 digits 9-7/8"; 5 digits 11-7/8"; 6 digits 14-7/8"; olive green primer on backside

1921 white/pea green metal seal; 6-1/8" x 3-1/4"; 20 format; (470,575)

1922 black/yellow metal seal; 6-1/8" x 3-3/8"; "REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE" top; "TEXAS 1922" bottom; serial center up to 6 digits; (531,608)

1923 white/black; "TEXAS" vertical right & left; star separator before last 3 numbers of serial; all 5-3/8" tall; 4 digits 11-7/8"; 5 digits 14; 6 digits 14-7/8" and 16 with big star & little star versions; the change in the size of the star occurred somewhere between 933718 and 936696; (695,822) NOTE: Star separator began in 1923.

1924 white/dark red rectangular 6" x 3-3/8" metal seal for radiator; "REGISTERED" top, "MOTOR VEHICLE" bottom, "TEXAS" vertical left & "1924" vertical right; star separator in 4th slot; backside black; (766,149)

1925 white/maroon; 15" X 5-1/2"; "TEXAS" vertical left; "1925" vertical right; 000*000 serial format; (882,994)

1926 black/gray; 15" x 5-1/2"; "TEX-26" vertical right; 000*000 serial format; horizontal line separates vertical "TEX" from vertical "26"; (941,791)

1927 white/green; 15" x 5-1/2"; "1927" vertical left; "TEXAS" vertical right; star separator used; (995,366) NOTE: first known use of letter on Texas passenger plates - only "A" in first position has been verified

1928 white/brown; "TEX-28" vertical right; "FRONT" or "REAR" vertical left; star separator, horizontal line between "TEX" and "28" as on 1926 plates; 5" tall; 14" & 15" length; some 7 digit plates have a square after the first number; (1,058,695)

1929 orange/black; 14" x 5"; 7 digit plates 15" x 5"; "TEXAS - 1929" bottom; "FRONT" or "REAR" vertical left; star separator, used square after 1st digit on 7 digit plates; (1,167,370)

1930 dark blue/dark yellow; 14" x 5"; "TEXAS-1930" top; "FRONT" or "REAR" vertical left; star separator; (1,158,415) NOTE! 1930 had an extended series of 7 digits; 15" x 5"; square used after 1st digit on 7 digit plates

1931 white/black; 13" x 5"; "TEX" vertical over "31" horizontal on right; star separator before last 4 numbers; prefix letters were used on some plates in 1931 with "A" representing 100,000, "B"=200,000 etc.; e.g. A0*0000; up to "N"; big and small star (letter plates only) separators were used; (1,091,134)

1932 white/green, 13" x 5"; "TEXAS-1932" bottom; star separator before last 3 numbers; (1,005,593) NOTE! Separator in this position 1932-1942; 1932 to 1942 base first used all numbers and then used some letters; Letters used were "A", "F", "K" & then by 41 "V" & 1942 "N"

1933 orange/white; 13" x 5"; "TEXAS-1933" top; star separator; 2 digit plates had the numbers flanked by stars; backside light gray-green with paint smears of front background color in them; 2 different dies used; low numbers had wide numbers; early 6 digit plates had thin numbers (1,012,54)

1934 black/orange; 13" x 5"; "TEXAS-1934" bottom; star separator; (1,089,818)

1935 white/maroon; 13" x 5"; "TEXAS-1935" top; star separator; (1,126,428)

1936 dark blue/light mustard yellow; 13" x 5"; "TEX" vertical before last numbers; 4 to 6 digit serials; 000-000 or A00-000 serial formats; "19 Centennial 36" bottom 1, 2 & 3 digit plates had "TEX" vertical flanking the serial; (1,194,002)

1937 cream/black; 13" x 5"; "TEXAS-1937" top; star separator; 000-000 or A00-000 serial formats; (1,229,216)

1938 black/white; 12-7/8" x 5-3/4" "TEXAS-1938" bottom; star separator; (1,236,509) NOTE! Last plates with painted borders

1939 bluish purple/yellow-orange; 13" x 5-7/8"; "TEXAS 1939" top; star separator; 2 step debossed border; (1,287,074)
NOTE! 1940-42 same size as 1939

- 1940 bluish purple/white; "19 TEXAS 40" topple star separator; (1,364,067); 000-000 or A00-000 serial format NOTE! Mid-year die change affecting the number "4" occurred
- 1941 yellow-orange/black; "TEXAS 1941" top; star separator; (1,387,183)
- 1942 black/yellow-orange; "TEXAS-42" bottom; star separator; (1,317,402)
- 1943 yellow-orange/black tab on 42 base; 4" x 1"; embossed; "TEXAS 43" bottom center just beneath a bolt hole; diagonal letters left & serial; letters used were AB, BK, BV, EJ, EZ. Some 2 digit serial tabs documented; (1,271,139)
- 1944 cream/yellow/light green tab on 42 base; 2" x 2"; embossed; slot top flanked by a letter; serial in center; "TEX" slanted left of bottom slot & "44" slanted right; tabs issued for front & back; letters used AU, BS, EC, FC, MF, MV; some 2 digit tabs known; (1,262,686)
- 1945 black/yellow-orange; 10-1/8" x 5-3/4"; "TEXAS-45" top; 2 letter prefixes were stacked; no star separator was used on these plates; the 2 letters were serial letters and did not indicate counties; however they were issued to counties in alphabetical order so counties often appeared to have same letters from 1 year to next; (1,305,058) NOTE! From 1945 to 1964 G, I, O & Q were not used; 1945 & 1946 were the only years for single plates.
- 1946 ivory/black; "TEXAS-46" top; stacked letters left=AA thru F; (1,411,000) NOTE! 1946 to 1952 plates 10-1/2" x 6-1/2"
- 1947 white/black; "TEXAS-47" bottom; letters - AA to J
NOTE! A windshield sticker was used because of delay in delivery of plates.
It expired 7/15/47 when metal plates were obtainable
- 1948 deep yellow/black; "TEXAS-48" top; AA to J or K
- 1949 black/yellow-orange; steel & aluminum; "TEXAS-49" bottom; letters AA to late L's; aluminum document at HC-4207 & steel at HC 6005
- 1950 canary yellow/black; "TEXAS-50" top; AA to late L's; no border NOTE! Plates with "U", "V" & "W" as first letter are known
- 1951 black/yellow-orange; "TEXAS-51" top; AA to M's; no border
- 1952 canary yellow/black; "TEXAS | 52 |" top; AA-M or N
- 1953 black/yellow-orange; "TEXAS | 53 |" top; AA to N or P
NOTE! 1953 to 1955 plates 10-1/2" x 6"; no border; no tabs issued
- 1954 canary yellow/black; steel & aluminum; "TEXAS | 54 |" top; AA to P or R; aluminum document at AN 4354 & steel at MY 7663

1955 black/yellow-orange; 12" x 6" & 10" x 6"; "TEXAS | 55 |" top; the size change occurred when the serial letters were between RA & RF; letters from AA to RJ; early issued plates had the letters stacked as from 1945 but the later issued 12" x 6" plates had the 2 letters horizontal with star separator & 4 numbers

1956 deep yellow/black; steel & aluminum; "TEXAS | 56 |" top; AA to SS; no separator used

1957 black/white; "TEXAS | 57 |" top; star separator; AA-TA
NOTE! From 1957 to 1964 the star separator appears after the letters & before the numbers

1958 white/black; "TEXAS | 58 |" top; AA to TJ

1959 black/white; "TEXAS | 59 |" top; AA to mid T's

1960 white/black; 57-59 dies & 61-62 dies; "TEXAS | 59 |" top close together; no tab slots on plates with 61 dies & "60" moved to top right corner; star separator on 57 die; plates of late 60's in the same small size as 61-63 but dash separator on the lower limit on 61 dies

1961 black/white; "TEXAS" top; "61" top right; highest numbers in mid "US's" & probably into "V"; small poorly painted star separator

1962 white/black; "TEXAS" top; "62" top right; early 62 plates had the 61 style "TEXAS" dies & the later plates above "VU" have the narrow spaced "TEXAS" 63 dies

1963 black/white; "TEXAS" top; 1963 bottom; AA to WS; no border

1964 white/black; "TEXAS" top; "1964" bottom; AA to YT; no border star separator

1965 black/white; "19 TEXAS 65" top; no star separator; alpha numeric serial started; highest number PGN 861; no border;

1966 white/black; "19 TEXAS 66" top; star separator; NOTE! Star separator reintroduced from 1966 through 1975 when the state outline separator was introduced; highest number known PSG

1967 black/white; "19 TEXAS 67" top; highest number in late P's

1968 white/black; "TEXAS" top; "68 HEMISFAIR 68" bottom; no border; alphanumeric serial; highest number is RSP

1969 black/refl white; "19 TEXAS 69" top; highest number is RRK-77

1970 blue/refl white; "19 TEXAS 70" top; highest number SDN-726

1971 black/refl white; 1) "TEXAS 71"; highest number PVW 2) "19 TEXAS 71"; first 5% made had this format and the change occurred between BSP-630 & DJN

1972 refl green/refl white; "19 TEXAS 72" top; highest number THB-388

1973 black/refl white; "19 TEXAS 73" top; highest number TXZ-444 1) 65-72 dies 2) 1974 dies

1974 red/refl white; "19 TEXAS 74" top; 1) 74 dies introduced in late 73 2) 1975 dies on galvanized steel; change over between VGL & VHX; highest known VMG

1975 black/refl white; "TEXAS" top; sticker navels in upper corners with "75" etched in the right navel, black/refl white base with state outline separator in 4th position; the state outline separator appeared between MMV 331 and MMV 513; the debossed "75" disappeared between QQX780 & QQY 43; this base appeared in late 1975

1976 all refl white/blue sticker on 75 base; 2" x 1"; left hand side has "TEX" vertical followed by a star over "PASSENGER"; right hand side has a small rectangle at top with red/white numerals and blue/white letter - all over a large "76" NOTE! The '76 sticker was placed in the upper left corner for the only time permitted; only time sticker was blue because the month stickers became blue in 1978 & were placed in left

1977 all refl white/red sticker on 75 base; "77" left; rectangle top right with blue/refl white numbers and red/refl white "A" over a star over "TEXAS"; the 77 stickers were placed in the right corner box and plates were permitted to have 2 stickers for the only time - 76 & 77 stickers; new registrants had only the 77 sticker in the right hand box

1978 refl white/refl green sticker on 75 & 76 bases; 2" x 1"; "TEX" vertical left followed by a star; rectangle top right with black/refl white numerals + green/refl white "B"; "78" bottom right; NOTE! Staggered registration introduced by using month stickers to be placed in upper left corner navel; white/refl blue; 2" x 1"; large 3" letter abbreviation of month over "TEXAS"

1979 black/gold sticker on 75 base; 78 size & format except no rectangle for serial at top right & numbers & "C" are both black; white/refl blue month sticker; 78 format

1980 white/refl red sticker on 75 base; 78 size & format with numerals of serial black/refl white & "D" red/refl white; serial format AAA 10 to ZZZ 999; white/refl blue month sticker; 78 format

1981 white/refl green sticker on 75 base; 2" x 1"; "81" left; rectangle upper right with black/refl white numerals + green/refl white "E" over star over "TEXAS"; white/refl blue month sticker; 78 format

1982 black/refl yellow sticker on 75 base; 79 format & size with “F” letter, white/refl blue month sticker; 78 format; During 1982 serials went from alphanumeric to numeric-alpha when ZZZ 999 was reached (Feb); 001-AAA to 999 ZZZ

1983 white/red sticker on 75 base; 81 size & format; letter “G”

1984 white/green sticker on 75 base; 81 size & format; letter “H” used

1985 red & blue/refl white; new registrants; “TEXAS” top screened; “SESQUICENTENNIAL” bottom screened; the separator consists of “1836” over state outline over “1986”; blue numeric-alpha serial; sticker navels upper corners; NOTE! The change to the new plate occurred at serial 001 HEX with 999 HEW the last issued black plate; Because the legend at the bottom was hidden on some frames the “SESQUICENTENNIAL” was moved to the top beneath “TEXAS”; appeared Dec 1985 between 240 LAE & 733-LAV;

1985 black/yellow sticker on 75 base; there are some “85” expirations on Sesquicentennial plates because of replacements; 81 size & format; letter “J” used

1986 white/red sticker on 75 & 85 bases; 81 size & format; letter “K” used; Sesquicentennial plates ceased being issued when serial 974-PAY was reached; blue & red/refl white bases; screened red “TEXAS” top flanked by sticker boxes; serial embossed blue with red map separator; serial format 000-AAA starting at 975-PAY; issued 9/86

1987 white/green sticker on 75 & 85 bases; 81 size & format; letter “L” NOTE! Emission control inspection introduced into certain counties in Texas in 1987; a horizontal bar is placed above the year in those counties to show which cars require emission; on stickers without the bar the “87” is pushed upward on the left side; Dallas-Ft. Worth, Houston, and El Paso areas

1988 black/refl yellow sticker on 75 & 85 bases; 81 size & format including horizontal bar where necessary; “88” same level on both type stickers

1989 refl white/refl red sticker on 75 & 85 bases; with and without bar above the “89” as necessary

undated dark blue & red/refl white; waving multicolored Texas flag followed by blue “TEXAS” top flanked by sticker boxes; small red state outline serial separator; AAA-11A serial format; the changeover to the new design occurred at BKX-01B

1990 white/green sticker on 75 & 85 bases; with and without bar above the “90” as necessary

1991 black/yellow sticker on 85 & 89 bases; “91” may have line above the numbers or may not; line indicates emission testing required

1992 white/dark red sticker on 85 & 89 bases; beginning in this year stickers with both 1 bar and 2 bars began appearing for those counties requiring emission

testing; on 1 bar counties the bar appears above the "92"; on 2 bar stickers the bar appears above and below the "92"; 1 bar counties require a parameter test; 2 bar counties require parameter and tailpipe emissions test;

1992 dark blue & red/refl white; waving multicolored Texas flag followed by blue "TEXAS" top flanked by sticker boxes; AAA-00A serial format with small state outline separator; "THE LONE STAR STATE" bottom

undated colors unknown; optional plates available with a graphic of the earth and moon; available in regular serial number and vanity

1993 refl white/blue sticker on 85 and 89 bases; 0,1, & 2 bar stickers

1994 red/refl white sticker on 85 & 89 stickers; "94" left; black serial over star over "TEXAS" right NOTE! This is the last sticker to be used on plates; state switches to windshield stickers; one type of sticker for passenger and a different one for non-passenger vehicles;

1995 dark blue/white windshield sticker; horizontal bars above and below the year if emission testing is necessary

1995-96 black/refl white; screened red "150 YEARS OF STATEHOOD" beneath the serial number which uses the same format as regular passenger plates; graphic shooting star logo in the center; screened red "TEXAS" top; AAA-00A serial format; Plate serials started at VJL*01K and have been seen as high as WSJ*22B NOTE! Plates are to be issued from late 1995 until March 1, 1996 after which the standard current issue will be restarted; available to new registrants, to those who request plates because of current plates older than 5 years, or to those who pay a small additional fee

1996 black/yellow windshield sticker

1997 black/green windshield sticker

All Terrain Vehicle Sticker

light/dark; 1-3/4" diameter sticker; "STATE OF TEXAS" curved around top and over "EXPIRES" over "MARCH"; serial center in reversed color box over "YR"; curved "ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE" over "OFF HIGHWAY REGISTRATION"

Amateur Radio

1954 yellow/black; 10-1/2" x 6"; "TEXAS 1541" top; "AMATEUR RADIO OPR" bottom NOTE! Same format following years 1955 black/orange 1956 yellow/black; wide space between zone number and call letters; no separator